

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2011. Claims 1-6, 38-40, and 43-50 are rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 40 have been amended. Claims 3 and 48 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment does not add new matter. Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein.

The Examiner's indication that claims 2-6, 38-39, and 43-50 include allowable matter is noted with appreciation. The examiner has further indicated that claims 2-6, 38-39, and 43-50 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, and have amended claim 40 to include the limitations of claim 48. In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 40, and the claims that depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,940,811 by Norris. As discussed above, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 40 to include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Thus, the rejection of claims 1 and 40 has become moot.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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